

ture, anthropology, and culture will help to enhance public awareness of—and appreciation for—these proud peoples.

During National American Indian Heritage Month, as we celebrate the fascinating history and time-honored traditions of Native Americans, we also look to the future. Our Constitution affirms a special relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes and—despite a number of conflicts, inequities, and changes over the years—our unique government-to-government relationship has endured. In recent years, we have strengthened and renewed this relationship. Today we reaffirm our support for increased Indian control over tribal government affairs, and we look forward to still greater economic independence and self-sufficiency for Native Americans.

The Congress, by Public Law 101-343, has designated November 1990 as "National American Indian Heritage Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim November 1990 as National American Indian Heritage Month. I encourage all Americans and their elected representatives at the Federal, State, and local levels to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6231 of November 14, 1990

National Farm-City Week, 1990

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

For nearly four decades, we Americans have observed National Farm-City Week in honor of this country's farmers and all those who play a role in the production and distribution of U.S. agricultural goods. It is fitting that this week coincides with our annual celebration of Thanksgiving, a time when Americans traditionally give thanks for our many blessings—including our abundant supplies of safe, wholesome, and affordable foodstuffs.

American farmers are the most enterprising and efficient in the world. Constituting less than 2 percent of our population, these men and women feed the other 98 percent—and millions of people around the globe as well. Nowhere else does such a small percentage of a nation's population feed so many.

These hardworking Americans are assisted in their efforts, however, by millions of people in urban areas—by researchers who develop improved methods and technology for farming; by the manufacturers and suppliers of equipment, seeds, and fertilizers; by those who transport

and process raw agricultural goods; and by retailers who distribute and sell finished farm products to consumers. Viewed in its broadest sense, agriculture is one of our Nation's largest employers, involving the storage, transportation, processing, distribution, and merchandising of U.S. agricultural products. Millions of Americans earn their living in farming and agriculture-related industries.

The rural and urban ties we celebrate during National Farm-City Week are steadily being strengthened as more and more American farmers begin to supply not only food and fiber but also raw materials for industrial use. These materials include biodegradable plastics, alternative fuels and fuel additives, as well as printing inks and newsprint. The development of these and other products is contributing to the creation of new and diverse agro-industries.

The Americans who work in our Nation's thriving agricultural sector make an invaluable contribution to the well-being of our families and to the economic strength of the entire country. During this special season, as we prepare to share a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with our loved ones, we do well to recognize all those who bring this Nation's agricultural bounty from field to table.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16 through November 22, 1990, as National Farm-City Week. I call upon all Americans, in rural areas and cities alike, to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our Nation's farmers and of all those who cooperate in producing the abundance of agricultural goods that enrich and strengthen the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6232 of November 15, 1990

National Federation of the Blind Day, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Since its founding half a century ago, the National Federation of the Blind has been a leading advocate for Americans affected by severe visual loss. Its administrators, staff, and supporters know that persons who are blind possess not only the desire but also the ability to lead full, independent, and productive lives, and they have encouraged all Americans to recognize this fact as well.

Through an effective community outreach program, the Federation has been working to enhance the public image of blind Americans and to promote real equality of opportunity for these members of our society. This outreach program includes television and radio appearances by